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**INFILL AND RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STUDY
TREE PRESERVATION TEAM
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**TP 4
DISTRIBUTION OF CITIZEN'S GUIDE**

ISSUES: Concerns regarding enforcement of County regulations during land development.

IDEA: Make a brochure widely available that provides information regarding who to call to report suspected violations of environmental regulations.

RESEARCH: At the community meetings, citizens expressed concerns regarding suspected violations of environmental regulations on infill sites. Staff researched methods available to citizens to report suspected violations.

ANALYSIS: In 1997 the Board of Supervisors requested that staff prepare a brochure listing the County agencies that citizens should call to report land development related concerns. The brochure, titled "Citizens Guide to Reporting Land Development Related Environmental Concerns," was distributed through the County's Neighborhood Watch Program and staff provided training on land development related concerns in cooperation with the Police Department. The brochure is currently available through the offices of the Board of Supervisors and on the County's web site at co.fairfax.va.us/gov/dpwes. Click on "Environmental Brochures" then click on "Guide for Reporting Land Development Environmental Concerns."

EFFECTS: By making the brochure widely available to citizens and the development community, suspected violations of environmental regulations could be reported more quickly.

TEAM RECOMMENDATION: Active distribution of the brochure "Citizens Guide to Reporting Land Development Related Environmental Concerns" should be conducted in association with the infill development study and all other land development related educational opportunities. The existing version of the brochure does not contain the revised names of County agencies that resulted from recent reorganizations. The brochure should be revised to update agency names and add area codes to all phone numbers.